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ALSO,
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SCENES IN THE HOUSE.

In the last Observer we gave copious extracts from the debate on the charges against Mr. Webster. The subject is so interesting, that our readers will doubtless expect such further particulars as may be important. We therefore add what follows.

On the 10th, Mr. Hilliard of Ala. explained that in speaking of Mr. Webster's reputation in Europe, he had no idea, as some supposed, of classing him with WASHINGTON. "Let me add, sir, (said he,) that when an American finds himself in a foreign country, the mists of party pass away from his eyes, and, as he looks across the broad Atlantic, he regards his whole country and its public men without reference to those unhappy divisions which sometimes exist at home. In this way I rejoiced to hear others spoken of in terms of admiration, which showed that their high qualities were known and appreciated. I might name Calhoun, Clay, and others who have earned a fame which elevates the American name. A gentleman near me inquires how Gen. Jackson was regarded in Europe. I unhesitatingly say that his name is always mentioned their in terms which make the bosom of an American thrill with something of the feeling which swelled the bosom of Mr. Clay, who happened to be in Paris when the news of the victory of N. Orleans reached there, and who, to use his own language, swaked the Boulevards of that city an inch taller than he was before." He is no longer living, and I was speaking only of the living, not of the illustrious dead, who form no fit standard of comparison for those who, in the midst of the contests of life, are yet subject to its infirmities.

On the same day, Mr. DIXON of Conn. moved a reconsideration of Mr. Ingersoll's resolution, for the purpose of making a speech, and proceeded to deliver a most eloquent defence of Mr. Webster, and attack upon Mr. Ingersoll.

He spoke of the gross charges made by Mr. Ingersoll against Mr. Webster in his speech in February last,—charges which, if true, must forever disgrace him in the eyes of mankind. Of these charges being published and afterwards adopted by Mr. Dickinson in the Senate. Of Mr. Webster's first calling on the Executive for the official documents, and, as soon as they came into the Senate, entering into a most able, powerful, convincing, scathing, defence of himself, and crushing attack on those who had accused him. Of the failure of Mr. Ingersoll even to attempt to justify or prove the original charges, (which he had at first professed his ability to prove,) but of his now trumping up new charges.

Previous to all, Mr. D. (he was a certain prediction uttered in the House that the honorable gentleman from Pennsylvania would be scalped in the Senate. If such was the prediction, I do not think that it proved to be very correct. Scalped? What is the meaning of this word? I think the gentleman very fortunate if he lurks himself only, *scalped*. Bruises not sign of that a man is to be crushed and annihilated, but only that he is to receive such a castigation as will not leave much whole skin upon his body. The spectacle reminded me rather of an elephant treading asunder the limbs of his victim. That the gentleman has survived it only proves, as I said, his consummate ability and powers of endurance.

I do not wonder (said Mr. D.) that the honorable gentleman felt somewhat offended, on her. All knowing as I did the gentleman's power of eloquence, wit, and sarcasm, (and certainly he was one of the last whom he would wish to meet as an adversary,) I expected from him a brilliant display of those faculties when he came to reply, and that he would in some way attempt to substantiate the truth of those charges to which the Senator from Massachusetts had replied with so much indignant power. But I must confess my great surprise when the gentleman, instead of this, came before the House, and in a written speech, without denying the truth of any thing the Senator had said, gave the House to understand that the Senator from Massachusetts, if not guilty of the charges originally preferred, was a public defender.

My surprise (said Mr. D.) was great; for I had expected something very different, but, as the gentleman's resolution of inquiry had been offered, I considered it my duty to vote for it; I thought it due to Mr. Webster himself, and to that unsullied character which he has thus far enjoyed before his country and the world. I think that every friend of Mr. Webster should have voted for that resolution; for I was confident then, as I am confident now, that, let the investigation be prosecuted as closely and as rigidly as it may, his character will come out pure and without a stain. I proposed an amendment to the resolution, and had that amendment been adopted I should have been satisfied with the resolution as modified. I was for having the inquiry go further, and finding out what other gentlemen had been guilty of an improper use of the public money; whether any part of this secret service fund had been improperly made use of in the case of Texas; and if so, how and where? But the very gentlemen who were so very earnest in favor of the resolution as applied to Mr. Webster, and who seemed so eager to drag down, if possible, that great and distinguished man, would not and dare not adopt this amendment. I say that they dare not, because, though it was obviously proper, they voted against it. I can conceive no other reason for their vote than that they dare not let in the light of investigation on those transactions. They could not say that the inquiry was not as proper in the one case as in the other; hence I infer, and I think that the country will infer with me, that they were afraid that something would come out which they could not meet.

Mr. FARAN. If the gentleman will make a charge of corruption in the case of the annexation of Texas, I will vote for a resolution of inquiry.

Mr. DIXON. I did not rise to make charges, and besides I am not one of the favored few who are permitted to prowl round the secret recesses of the State Department and read the hidden records which are not submitted to vulgar eyes. I should not be misled by the underlings of the honorable Secretary in proceeding any such inquiry. And if it were otherwise, I should blush to be found mousing among the secret archives of the Government to get the matter for an attack. The gentleman from Pennsylvania was thus aided, and on yesterday the honorable gentleman rose in his place and offered charges of an entirely different kind from those which had been so indignantly repelled in the other House, and asked the authority of this body to collect documentary proofs to swell the tide which he fancied was running so high against the reputation of a great man. Far be it from me to presume to stand here as the defender of that man, but I will now endeavor to answer a few of the attacks upon him which were made by the honorable gentleman from Alabama over the way. (Mr. Yancey.)

That gentleman alluded to the conduct of Mr. Webster during the last war, and considered him as being opposed to the interest of his country in that contest. Now, I must be permitted to say that there could be no occasion for going back to a time when one of the great political parties of the country stood opposed to another great party as to the justice and expediency of that war. If the Senator had stood alone in resisting it, it would have been another case; but in all his course on that occasion he acted with others. Why, then, single him out from the old Federal party, and make him the solitary object of attack? And in this connexion I should like to ask the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Ingersoll) if he did not deem it disrespectful, whether it was not true that he himself, though now attacking the Senator from Massachusetts, had not said (and if the statement was not true, Mr. D. would rather his tongue should be passed than utter it) that if he had lived in the times of the Revolution he would himself have been a tory?

Mr. INGERSOLL. Yes, I did.

Mr. DIXON resumed. When gentlemen were hunting in couples against the Senator from Massachusetts, I think their decision was somewhat unfortunate in his opposition against the late war. And I ask now, whether the gentleman in particular (Mr. Buchanan) who is expected to give the information called for by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, did not suppose it has frequently been charged upon him that, if he believed he had a drop of Democratic blood in his veins, if he knew where it was, he would rip the vein and take it out?

Mr. INGERSOLL. I do give out.

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Buchanan expressly denies having uttered any such thing in debate and on the floor of a convention held in Pennsylvania, for the revision of the State Constitution, it was proved by the production of all that the charge was false. It was proved by gentlemen who were present at the time the words were said to have been uttered.

Mr. DIXON. I am very glad to hear the charge is not true. I guess the gentleman is sure to bring or to seek suitable time to charges against one of the most distinguished men in the country. Gentlemen on the other side will not deny that, at the time the Senator from Massachusetts was opposing the war, the present Secretary of State [meaning the party who acted with him. They acted all of one mind, they all acted in concert, and if it was unpardonable guilt in Mr. Webster to pursue such a course, who was it less so in Mr. Buchanan? I must again say that I think the admission of the gentleman from Alabama [the late war peculiarly unfortunate.]

Mr. INGERSOLL. I have said that he had been present in the Convention of Pennsylvania when the charge alluded to had been made against Mr. Buchanan, and it had been completely refuted. But the fact is that in 1812 Mr. Buchanan, who was then a young man, belonged to the Federal party, but he also believed that the war was not a Federalist in all Pennsylvania who ever burnt a blue light to guide the advances of the enemy—it never would have been a traitor to his country, or would ever have turned out with a musket on his shoulder to support the British cause.

Mr. DIXON. I suppose that the great body of the people of Pennsylvania have ever been ready to stand up in defence of their country, whether federalists or not; but Pennsylvania was not without a citizen who had openly avowed that he would do more than all that against his country had he lived in the time of the Revolution. What was the charge intended by the gentleman from Pennsylvania? Was it a charge against Connecticut?

Mr. INGERSOLL. The charge of burning blue-lights was made by Connecticut Decatur against certain citizens of Connecticut.

Mr. DIXON. If the gentleman meant to say that a single citizen of Connecticut had ever been guilty of burning blue-lights to guide the enemy, he is most grossly misinformed. He cannot find the proof of any such fact on the pages of history, either true or fabulous, not even in his own.

The gentleman from Alabama referred to a debate in the Senate, in which Mr. Webster is reported to have said that he would not consent to a certain measure, not even if the British were battering the walls of the Capitol. I believe the statement is not correct. Be it as it may, I am for the country, Constitution or no Constitution. I am for the Constitution, or rather I was for it, for we have no Constitution now; that is gone. Every man smiles even at the mention of a constitutional argument. But what I wish to say is, that the gentleman misrepresented the words of Mr. Webster. What he said was, that he would not consent to have the Constitution violated, although the British were battering the walls of the Capitol. It was a strong expression, and that Senator, as every body knows, is in the habit of expressing himself strongly. That Constitution it had been the labor of his whole life to defend; and he well knew that, once destroyed, it never could be restored; but if the Capitol should be burnt, another building might rise out of its ashes, as strong and as beautiful; but for the Constitution, if once overturned, there was no resurrection. I hold, then, that he was right in saying that he had rather see the Capitol battered down than the Constitution of his country subverted. What was the value of sculptured stone and all the grandeur of architecture, when put in comparison with that Constitution which we once had, (to use an expression of the gentleman from Alabama,) in the better days of the Republic. Those days are past, and the Constitution is gone with them. It is broken down, crushed, annihilated, by the admission of a foreign territory. But no matter, Constitution, or no Constitution, the Senator from Massachusetts goes for his country. I will appeal to the gentleman from Alabama, whether, in quoting words against Mr. Webster, he ought not to have repeated them as they were uttered!

On the next day, (the 12th,) Mr. WINTHROP of Mass. said in reply to statements of Mr. Yancey of Ala.,—

That as to the fact which the honorable member from Alabama (Mr. Yancey) had found in a newspaper, and which he said the whole people of the United States were conversant with—that the sum of $100,000 had been raised in some quarter for the benefit of Mr. Webster or his family—I said yesterday I knew nothing, and therefore should deny nothing. I added that I wished that other gentlemen would observe the same rule as to their assertions.

This remark was strictly true at the time at which it was made. I had, indeed, seen the newspaper statement. I had heard something of a proposed manifestation of regard and gratitude towards Mr. Webster. But so far as my own personal knowledge reached yesterday, nothing of the sort had been done.

Now, sir, this morning I know more about the matter; and as there is much which I made yesterday might involve me in the suspicion of desiring to remain ignorant myself and to keep others in ignorance, and might look like an attempt on the part of Mr. Webster's friends to cover up and conceal a transaction in the highest degree honorable both to him and to the donors, I take the very earliest opportunity to give to the House and to the country the results of my inquiries.

I cannot proceed to do so, however, without expressing the deep regret which I feel at the sort of personal assault which has been made upon him in this House for a day or two past, and at the unprovoked attack which has been made upon his character and conduct in other places. But, sir, no man can be assailed as Mr. Webster has been assailed, in the face of the whole country, and in the face of the whole world, without feeling that he has a right to demand, and to receive, from those who have assailed him, the most ample explanation and apology. I am glad to see that such explanation and apology are now in course of being made. I am glad to see that the honorable gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Winthrop) has at last, by authority, given this matter a substantive form and shape. It seems I was not very wrong in the views I took in relation to this subject, although the friends of the honorable ex-secretary of State, in proposing to him this annuity—not in the shape of manufacturing stocks, but an annuity secured to him for life—have done it very handsomely, and have not *shown* a disposition to pension him upon the country as a Senator.

I am glad it has appeared before the country in some authoritative shape. As it is, I take it, and the country will take it. In order to set this matter more fully before the country, in the remarks which are published by the gentleman from Massachusetts, if it should suit his sense of propriety, justice, and authority upon the subject, for one, I should be glad to see the *amount* of this annuity, and the names of those connected with it. I have a right to demand it; but, if it should suit the gentleman's notion of propriety to comply with the country, I should be happy to see it.

Mr. WINTHROP. Really, really, sir, the curiosity of the honorable member from Alabama reaches much further than my own. I cannot answer his inquiry, for I do not know the fact. My search into Mr. Webster's private affairs—my *right of search* did not go the length of his questions. I will say on this point, however, but not until I have asked, (in the way of parenthesis,) how other Senators and Representatives may, how the honorable member himself, would like to have all their private affairs, all the circumstances of their private life and history, unveiled to public view, and exposed to partisan gaze and scrutiny—I will say that the citizens of Boston are not accustomed to do things by halves, and that, whatever they have done in this case, has undoubtedly been done with their characteristic liberality. If the honorable member desires it, he may assume the sum no mooted in the news-papers, for all me.

The following statement, (says the National Intelligencer,) which we find in the regular Washington Correspondence of the New York Tribune, agrees substantially with what we have heard related here, and have reason to believe correct:

"When Mr. Webster left the State Department, in place of being a defaulter as has been charged, it appears that there was a balance paid over to him four other to him. When Mr. Webster left Mr. Tyler's Cabinet he requested the clerk, who has the care of the contingent fund, to settle up the account and close it. The clerk wrote to Mr. Webster that there was the sum of $1,000 for which there was no voucher. Mr. Webster said the proper voucher would yet be found, but in the mean time he wished the accounts of the Department closely settled up, and for this purpose he sent on $1,000, and the accounts were settled. The proper certificate afterwards appearing, the [illegible] dollars were refunded to Mr. Webster. So that, instead of being a defaulter, he had actually overpaid the Department, and this overpayment was refunded."

CAREY'S THE WAR INTO AFRICA.—

The Hon. Patriot's correspondent has the following neat, appropriate remark on the character of the party and the individuals who are now engaged in the hue and cry against Mr. Webster:—

"WASHINGTON, April 12.

"And who is Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, who makes his so grave charges? He was once the United States District Attorney for Eastern Pennsylvania, and so managed in the celebrated Tea Case of Mr. Thompson, the suit taken by bringing suits upon each separate tea chest of Tea, as to run about SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS into his pocket, and so forth; in short, in using all the arts and tricks of the law that a Philadelphia lawyer is capable of, that the Government prosecutor in vain to get hold of a single chest of that vast sum!

"But, say the accusers, Mr. Webster [illegible] Federal party that opposed [illegible] 1812-1814, and boasted [illegible] Secretary of New England for [illegible] of the causes. And may be it was [illegible] Buchanan, the Secretary of State, [illegible] to that party? And did he not, in [illegible] 1855, even during 4th of July oration, [illegible] Federalism and denouncing [illegible] Was not George Bancroft [illegible] anti-war Federalist? Were not [illegible] Marshall Chief Justice [illegible] Mercer McLean, now at Lafayette, [illegible] Governor Wm. C. Bryant, [illegible] New York Hon. Henry Baldwin and P. L. [illegible] Hemphill, and Rob[illegible] R. P. Dunlap, of Maine [illegible] not the Democratic party and avow[illegible]

"Mr. Webster [illegible] Congress [illegible] the last war and voted [illegible] sums of money and preparations for carrying [illegible] during the capitol on the [illegible] Mr. Webster—the honor of New [illegible] North Carolina—the great political [illegible] of Democracy—stands [illegible] by side with that of Daniel [illegible] Webster on each and every one of these [illegible] Could Mason be right and [illegible] wrong? The fact is, other men [illegible] of these gentlemen in the [illegible] time.

"And for one to [illegible] falsely assert) Mr. Webster declared in the Senate, some [illegible] says, that if there be would [illegible] put $20,000 at the disposal of President Jackson to cause him to go to war with France, he would see the enemy [illegible] down the Capitol over the [illegible] of Congress!

"As I proved [illegible] to be present and heard Mr. Webster utter the sentiment, about [illegible] much *falsehood* has been perpetrated. He said that to vote for the appropriation, asked for in the *unconstitutional* manner in which it was, would be to break down and destroy the Constitution of the country. Rather than do this, he said, he would see the enemy with their cannon turned upon the capitol and battering down its walls. For but pile of stone and mortar can I be rebuilt; but when the Constitution of his country—and he held up a little book, containing that sacred instrument—should once be broken in pieces and trampled under foot, it could no more be repaired and restored. It would be lost forever, and the compact of our glorious Union would be no better than a rope of sand."

"This was Mr. Webster's declaration, and the Hon. John M. Clayton, on repeating it some time afterwards in the Senate, asked in tones of the most thrilling and burning eloquence, where was the Senator, &c. where was the *Traitor*, who would not adopt that very sentiment! No *Senator made reply.*

Mr. Haywood's Speech.—We find that the Speech recently delivered by Mr. Haywood, in the Senate, though it has been copied by the "Standard," and other kindred prints, is, nevertheless, in bad odor among the Loco Focos, hereabouts. It is too conservative in its principles, too independent in its tone, to suit their taste. They dare not openly attack his arguments, but he is a doomed man, if ever they have a chance of marking him. They elected him, they say, to echo the sentiments of the party, and not to express his own.

Raleigh Register.

A Large House.—The National Intelligencer mentions an immense edifice now in course of erection in Washington city —500 feet long by from 60 to 100 in width. This building is intended for the great National Fair, or exhibition of the products of American skill in manufactures and the mechanic arts, to be held there in May.

I. O. O. F.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina will be held in Wilmington, on the second Tuesday (12th) of May next.

Subordinate Lodges may send up their Reports and Dues by the hands of their Representatives.

J. B. NEWBY, Grand Sec'y.

Fayetteville, April 7, 1846. 5-5ws

RALEIGH, April 14.

WHIGS WAKE UP!

It will be seen from the subjoined announcement, that the Whig Candidate for Governor avails himself of the earliest opportunity, allowed by the press of his official duties, to meet and address his fellow-citizens of the State. We repeat, what we have before said, that Governor GRAHAM will do his duty—his whole duty—to the party, whose nominee he is, so far as the engagements of his Office will admit of his leaving Raleigh.

Governor GRAHAM will address his Fellow Citizens at the places and times following, to wit:

At Oxford, Thursday, April 23d.
" Hillsboro, Thursday, April 23d.
" Windsor, Bertie, Saturday, April 25th.
" Jackson, Northampton, Monday, April 27th.
" Warren, Hertford, Wednesday, April 29th.
" Gatesville, Thursday, April 30th.
" Hertford, Perquimons, Friday, May 1st.
" Elizabeth City, Pasquotank, Saturday, May 2.
" Currituck C. H. Monday, May 4th.
" Old Trap, Camden, Tuesday, May 5th.
" Edenton, Thursday, May 7th.—*Register.*

MR. LEAK'S APPOINTMENTS.

Pittsborough, Chatham County, 19th May.
Raleigh, 19th "
Chapel Hill, 20th "
Hillsborough, 21st "
Yanceyville, 23d "
Wentworth, Rockingham, 25th "
Greensborough, 26th "
Asheborough, 28th "
Troy, Montgomery, 30th "

Who Knows Best?—The last "Standard" says, in reference to Mr. Shepard's Speech at Elizabeth City, that "a large majority of his auditory were Whigs," and the Editor puts it to his official information precisely "as tremendous increase to the Democratic vote in Pasquotank County."

Now, the editor "North State," printed at this same Elizabeth City, in replying to a letter-writer in the "Standard," who had made similar boasts, uses the following language:

"We could for him to point out to us a single genuine Whig who has said aught against the Whig candidate. If not in other main counties, let us be told from them how it was generally in the parts of the county we live in, and in the neighborhood we were born and bred in. Let us hear from Edenton, Hertford, Winton, Murfreesboro' and Gatesville."

Raleigh Register.

THE POST OFFICE'S MAIL.

An article appeared in the National Intelligencer some days since, inveighing the insolence of the determination of the Rail Road from Raleigh to the South Carolina Rail Roads. The improvement of railroad connection on Rail Roads from N. and S. with central depositories, and mails to close to connect therewith, is

[illegible] of which is the only [illegible] could be [illegible] would be of no [illegible] the Office for by increase [illegible] facilities in the whole [illegible] of the country would necessarily be transferred. No [illegible] passengers or purchasers could be induced to go out, and the staples of the South and manufactures of the North would seek an outlet [illegible] The [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

the Central Committee, as appointed by the President of the late Convention," the Committee to meet in person at Raleigh, or if any cannot attend, that they vote by letter. Mr. Leak pledges himself to abide by the decision.

We suppose that according to the terms of this proposition, the member of the Central Committee who resigned is to be restored, and his successor excluded.

This proposition is rather a backing out of Mr. Leak, from his positive declaration, that under no circumstances would he withdraw, and that he would canvass the State if he did not get 500 votes. But we think Shepard will not accede to the proposition. He will argue that he has already got the nomination of the Committee, and why should he trouble himself with such an intruder as Mr. Leak? He has less pride and vanity than the world attributes to him if he listens to the proposition.

New York Elections.—The Locofocos have, as usual, elected their Mayor and a majority of the Councilmen, in New York City, not by a *majority* of the votes as asserted by some of their papers which appear not to understand the meaning of the word, but by a *plurality*. The Locofoco candidate had 22,134 votes, the Whig candidate 14,906, the Native American 8,336, the National Reform 778. These three candidates together have 1,756 votes more than the Locofoco. Last spring the Locofoco candidate had 21,307, and the Whig only 7,052.

In Brooklyn, the Whigs triumphed by a majority of upwards of 900 votes, and a plurality of 1210. Last year the Locos beat the Whigs about 1100 votes.

In Albany also, the Whig ticket is elected by a majority of 534. Last year the Locofoco majority was 24.

Connecticut Election.—The Locos have a majority of 8 on joint ballot in the Legislature—and thus, though the Whig candidates for Governor, &c. received a plurality of several hundred votes, all the State officers will be chosen from the Locofoco party.

Small Pox in Wilmington.—The Chronicle says that there are five cases of Small Pox, or Varioloid, in that town.—They are of mild character.

We would again advise persons, both in this and neighboring towns, and in the country generally, to resort at once to vaccination, which, if not a perfect protection (as it is in perhaps nine-tenths cases out of a hundred) will greatly diminish the danger of the disease in that hundredth case.

We exceedingly regret to learn from the Chronicle that three new cases of the small pox have occurred in Mr. Hawes's family in Wilmington.

Liquor cases.—Mr. Latterloh is now putting up his Liquorice Distillery in this town, and is expected to be in operation in a few days. It is capable of 30 bbls. which quantity may be manufactured in a day, so that it may consume 100 tbls. of raw liquorice daily. Mr. L. is buying at Fayetteville at 8½ to 8¾ per lb.

The foundation of the Lafayette Hotel is laid, and the walls are going up, on the old site, but much more extensive than the old building. The front on Hay Street is 152 feet, and on Donaldson Street 140 feet.

The Wheat Crop.—We understand that in all parts of our State in which Wheat is cultivated, the prospect is that the growing crop will be unusually fine.

The new Tariff Bill.—Mr. McKay has reported the bill to reduce the Tariff, prepared by the Committee of Ways and Means—or rather, it is supposed, prepared by the Secretary of the Treasury for that Committee. It is very long, but an abstract shows, that all kinds of spirits are to pay 75 per cent. *ad valorem*; a considerable number of articles, (perhaps 100,) to pay 30 per cent; about 15 articles to pay 25 per cent; 200 to 300 articles to pay 20 per cent; about 50 or 60 to pay 15 per cent; 60 or 80 to pay 10 per cent; about as many to pay 5 per cent; and about 100 articles admitted free of duty.

Among the articles to pay 30 per cent are all descriptions of iron; manufactures of wools, flax; guass; sugar; molasses; wines; manufactures of cotton, embroidered or tambored, &c.

Manufactures of cotton generally; wool unmanufactured, &c. 25 per cent.

Blankets; manufactures of flax and hemp; bacon, beef, pork, rye, wheat and flour, salt, &c. 20 per cent.

Mahogany, rose wood; satin wood; gold and silver leaf, &c. 15 per cent.

Printed books, &c.; diamonds, gems, pearls, and other precious stones; watches, &c. 10 per cent.

Dye stuffs; coffee and tea, &c. free.

All the duties are *ad valorem*, that is, so much per cent. on the value of the article, *at the place where imported*.

It is a singular feature of the bill, that the iron, woollen, and sugar interests, are protected by duties of 30 per cent., whilst the cotton manufacturers have but 25 per cent. Why is this difference? Have Pennsylvania and Louisiana been conciliated the reby?

The National Intelligencer says —

"One very extraordinary feature in this scheme (and showing the distrust of its authors in its sufficiency) is a provision that if in any year it shall not yield a revenue sufficient for the *ordinary* wants of the Government, the President is invested with authority to lay a duty of ten per ct. on Tea and Coffee, and to announce the fact by proclamation."

Col. Henry H. Watters has been nominated by the Whigs of Brunswick as their candidate for re-election to the next House of Commons.

Dividend.—The Bank of Cape Fear has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. payable on the 7th of May.

Texas and Mexico.—The reader will find important news from these points, in another part of this paper.

We do not know how it strikes other persons, but we cannot help thinking that our Army has been sent to Matamoros, within 150 yards of the Mexican Army, with the *expectation*, and *for the purpose*, of provoking a fight.

A deranged man named McIntyre, was found dead in the woods on Thursday last. He had escaped from those who had charge of him, but it was not known how he perished.

We learn that the body of Mr. John Oliver, a deranged man who was advertised in this paper on the 24th ult. as having left his mother's residence in Moore county, was found in the river a few days after his disappearance. He had evidently drowned himself.

Late from England.—The Steamer Unicorn has arrived at Boston, with Liverpool papers to the 17th ult. She was out 29 days, having been detained in the ice.

The news is not of stirring interest. As to Oregon, in the House of Lords, on the 17th, Lords Aberdeen, Brougham, and Ashburton, and the Earl of Clarendon, expressed opinions that no rupture would result. The public feeling among the people of England was becoming more angry and irritated.

The Cotton market is active and firm, but without change of price.

The President has as yet sent no reply to Mr. Ingersoll's resolution about the Secret Service Fund and Mr. Webster. It is reported that he will not. It is also reported that Mr. Ingersoll will withdraw his charges. We do not credit either report.

Ex-Governor James Fenner, of Rhode Island, died at Providence on the 17th, in the 77th year of his age.

A new Post Office has been established at the Stage Stand 20 miles from this place on the Raleigh road, called Bunn's Level, and Joseph Bunn has been appointed Postmaster

Stocks continued to fall in New York up to Friday last, and the money market very tight. The news of the vote in the Senate then caused every thing to spring upwards.

The Virginia Rail Road Act.—Our friend of the Petersburg Intelligencer defends the act of the Virginia Legislature, from the comments we made on it a week or two ago. But he must allow us to say, that we cannot think that his explanation at all changes the exceedingly offensive character of that act. That the provision forbidding the purchase of the road by the State or the citizens of North Carolina, was introduced by Mr. Watts of Norfolk, does not make it less offensive, and we repeat, *needlessly* offensive. The Intelligencer wonders indeed, why Mr. Watts confined his prohibition to North Carolina, and why he did not embrace Maryland in it. That is the very point! Why was North Carolina singled out for an unnecessary slur, or imputation? Why did he not say at once, that no State, and no company, out of Virginia, should be permitted to lay the Road? If the law had said that, no one would have been surprised, or offended. But the feeling of malignity which Mr. Watts exhibits towards a sister State, however harmless whilst confined to his own bosom, assumes a consequence when stamped with the approval of the whole State of Virginia, in the solemn form of an act of its Legislature.

As to the other still more offensive provision, that if the Judicial authorities of North Carolina shall decide affirmatively, the question now pending in our Courts, that the Petersburg Rail Road Company has done an unlawful act, by which its charter is and shall be declared forfeited, then the charter of the other *connecting* Company shall cease and be void—the Intelligencer thinks we will not question the "right" of Virginia to pass such a law, since it is intended to act only on the corporate privileges in Virginia. "The State of Virginia acts for herself, (says the Intelligencer) and North Carolina will do the same. If the Judiciary of North Carolina shall deem it proper, in the conscientious discharge of their duties, to declare the corporate privileges of the Seaboard and Roanoke Company in Virginia *void*, they will be annulled."

Now this strikes us, as the law itself does, as leaving very much like retaliating upon the innocent for a punishment inflicted on the guilty. The people of North Carolina punish the Petersburg Road, and Virginia, not being able to retaliate on either the Courts or the State of North Carolina, visits the Portsmouth Road, an unoffending corporation of its own citizens, with its vengeance! We do not indeed question the *power* to do this, but we *do question the right*." It is neither just nor generous. As to that, however, if the people of Virginia are satisfied with such legislation, we shall not meddle. They perhaps feel towards our Courts as the school-boy did towards his companion who had offended him, but who was rather too large to be attacked. "If I can't whip you, I can at least make mouths at your sister."

We submit to our friend of the Intelligencer, that the whole thing is wanting in justice, in dignity, and in that respect to which North Carolina and its authorities, Executive, Legislative, and Judicial, are *entitled* from Virginia.

There is one paragraph in the Intelligencer which has our hearty approbation. It is this—

"While on the subject of rail roads, we will say to our friend of the Observer, that we should rejoice over a more intimate connection with Fayetteville, by the extension of the Raleigh and Gaston road through that town to Camden."

We say that in this we most heartily agree with our friend of the Intelligencer, and it will give us infinite pleasure to be able to erect him upon a rail" between Raleigh and Fayetteville, in return for his participation, as a member of the Virginia Legislature, in passing *such a law*—not less than for his suggestion of a "straight jacket" for us.

Important from Mexico and Texas! —*Return of Mr. Slidell!*—*March of Gen. Taylor's Army to the Rio Grande!*—Mr. Slidell, accompanied by Mr. Parrott, Secretary of Legation, arrived at New Orleans on the 6th inst. having left Vera Cruz, in the U. S. Steamship Mississippi, on the 30th ult. Mr. Slidell's passports were forwarded to him on the 27th ult. He had been treated with great coldness at Mexico and Jalapa, but at Vera Cruz he received every honor and attention from the authorities, salutes being fired on his arrival and departure.

President Paredes, had issued a proclamation, the apparent object of which is to rally the people to the defence of the nation against expected attacks from the U. S. Army and Navy. It commences by referring to "the critical and solemn situation in which the nation is placed—perhaps on the point of a war with the United States—in consequence of one of the most unjust usurpations of which history has any record" and then declares that "the dignity of the nation, the march of an American army on to the Rio Grande, where the head-quarters of our troops are situated, the threatening appearance of the fleets of that nation in both oceans, and all the antecedents well know to the civilized world, have compelled me to reject the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States."

The right to declare war, he says, is not vested in him, but Congress will take into its consideration, as soon as it meets, the necessary steps required in the conflict which awaits Mexico, and which was in no manner provoked by her. Should the U. States, however, make an attack, Mexico will repel force by force, and the responsibility of having disturbed the peace of the world will fall upon the U. States, &c. &c.

In the mean time the Army under Gen. Taylor had arrived on the banks of the Rio Grande, without obstruction, though it was several times threatened by armed Mexican forces. It took up its position opposite Matamoros.

Subsequently, news two days later has been received at New Orleans, by which we learn, that

"Upon the arrival of the Army of Occupation, in front of Matamoros, the Mexican forces were drawn out on the opposite bank of the river, making a great display of mart al music, with trumpets, bugles, &c., which mode of salutation was duly reciprocated to and by a similar sounding of trumpets and drums in the American lines. Thus ended the first day's encounter between the two armies on the opposite banks of the Rio Grande, and within two or three hundred yards of each other. On the next morning, 29th, the American troops discovered the Mexican cavalry of eighteen pounders lining the opposite bank, and pointing directly into their camps, who reopen the American army moved their encampment four miles below. This step was doubtless taken by Gen. Taylor in order to avoid every appearance of any disposition to commit aggressions upon the west bank of the river, and to maintain strictly the defensive character of his operations. The most reliable statements represent the regular army in Matamoros to consist of 2,500 soldiers and 500 marines. The Mexican citizens of the Rio Grande are said to be quite disaffected toward their own Government, and secretly friendly to the American cause."

[This last statement, in regard to the movement of the Army, I differ below Matamoros, is discredited. Letters from the Army, dated 29th March, make no mention of it, but state that Gen. Taylor was about to erect a fort where he was, opposite Matamoros.]

Havana, April 8.

To the Editors of the Charleston Courier:

The Mexican steamer arrived here last evening, bringing advices that Mr. Slidell had received his passports and left the country. General Almonte came passenger in the steamer, and immediately on landing went to Santa Anna, with whom he was closeted for several hours. I understand they are on the eve of an other revolution in Mexico in favor of Santa Anna and that he will leave for Vera Cruz in the steamer of this evening.

P. S. A later arrival brings information that it was confidently believed that a revolution in favor of Santa Anna was to break out at Vera Cruz at 3 o'clock on the 3d inst.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, on Monday the 13th, at the usual session of Mr. Allen, and after a few remarks by other Senators, Thursday next was fixed on, by general consent, for the termination of the Oregon debate, and for taking the vote.

Mr. Benton of Texas, indicated his wish to speak on Wednesday.

Mr. Hunter, on that day spoke in favor of the notice, and of compromise.

A message was received from the President, in answer to Mr. J. M. Clayton's resolution for information regarding the state of the Oregon negotiation, in which the President states, that no correspondence has passed between the two governments since his last communication on the subject.

Mr. Webster remarked that this was an answer to the resolution, yet it seemed to be generally understood, that though no correspondence had passed between the two governments, there were letters from Mr. McLane, which were not embodied in the terms of the call.

Mr. Clayton said, it might not be advisable or proper to call for and make public the letters from Mr. McLane.

Mr. Webster said, nothing was more convenient, or proper, than to call for such papers, but he did not complain of the omission in the present case.

On Tuesday, Mr. Westcott of Florida spoke against the notice, but in favor of the whole of Oregon.

On Wednesday, Mr. Benton spoke in favor of the notice, and of our right to Oregon up to 54° 40'. He deprecated a war, which he saw no reason to apprehend, but no fear of which ought to govern our course. He adverted incidentally to the acquisition of Texas, and went into a brief recital of her history up to the annexation; honestly avowing a little cajolery with England as a measure of policy toward annexation; and quoting the whole case as a proof that the United States were not avaricious of territory or eager and hasty to seize upon it.

On Thursday, Mr. Crittenden spoke for two hours in a very animated and earnest manner on the Oregon question.

Mr. Allen then, suggestingly to notice, moved to lay on the table his own resolutions from the Committee on Foreign Affairs; which was agreed to; and moved the question on the following, being the resolutions which passed the House:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States cause notice to be given to the Government of Great Britain that the convention between the United States of America and Great Britain, concerning the territory on the northwest coast of America, west of the Stony Mountains, of the 6th of August, 1827, signed at London, shall be annulled and abrogated twelve months after giving said notice.

2. *And be it further resolved*, That nothing herein contained is intended to interfere with the right and discretion of the proper authorities of the two contracting parties to renew or pursue negotiations for an amicable settlement of the controversy respecting the Oregon territory.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Maryland, then moved as a substitute for the above resolutions of the House an amendment in the following words:

"Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert. That by the convention concluded the twentieth day of October, 1818, between the United States of America and the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the period of ten years, and afterwards indefinitely extended and continued in the force by another convention of the same parties, concluded the sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, it was agreed that any country that may be claimed by either party on the northwest coast of America westward of the Stony or Rocky Mountains, now commonly called the Oregon territory, should, together with its harbors, bays, and creeks, and the navigation of all rivers within the same, be "free and open" to the vessels, citizens, and subjects of the two Powers, but without prejudice to any claim which either of the parties might have to any part of said country; and with this further provision, in the second article of the said convention of the sixth of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, that either party might abrogate and annul said convention, on giving due notice of twelve months to the other contracting party—

"That it has now become desirable that the respective claims of the United States and Great Britain should be definitely settled, and that said territory may no longer than need be remain subject to the evil consequences of the divided allegiance of its American and British population, and of the confusion and conflict of national jurisdictions, dangerous to the cherished peace and good understanding of the two countries—and, therefore, that steps be taken for the abrogation of the said convention of the sixth of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, in the mode prescribed in its second article, and that the attention of the Governments of both countries may be the more earnestly and immediately directed to renewed efforts for the amicable settlement of all their differences and disputes in respect to said territory—

"*And be it further resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to give to the British Government the notice required by its said second article for the abrogation of the said convention of the sixth of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven."

Mr. ALLEN then moved to amend the second clause of Mr. Johnson's amendment by striking out all after the word "that," in the first line, and inserting:

"Become the duty of Congress to consider what measures it may be proper to adopt for the security and protection of our citizens now inhabiting or who may hereafter inhabit Oregon, and for the maintenance of our just title to that territory."

After some conversation as to points of order, the Senate proceeded to vote; and, upon the question of aggreeing to the amendment of Mr. Allen, it was decided, by yeas and nays, as follow:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jenness, Niles, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney, Westcott—22.

Nays—Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Pennybacker, Phelps, Rusk, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge—32.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. BREESE here submitted an amendment, to strike out the words "at his discretion," in the last clause of the resolution.

The yeas and nays being ordered, it was decided as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Houston, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney—29.

Nays—Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Chalmers, Thomas Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge—34.

So the amendment of Mr. Breese was rejected.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the amendment offered by Mr. Johnson, and decided as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Archer, Barrow, Berrien, Calhoun, Thos. Clayton, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Evans, Greene, Haywood, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Pearce, Phelps, Simmons, Speight, Upham, Webster, Westcott, Woodbridge—34.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Ashley, Atchison, Atherton, Bagby, Benton, Breese, Bright, Cameron, Cass, Chalmers, Dickinson, Dix, Fairfield, Hannegan, Huntington, Jenness, Niles, Pennybacker, Rusk, Semple, Sevier, Sturgeon, Turney—27.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. ALLEN now rose and gave vent to his disappointment and mortification by charging that the resolution was sneaking behind the bush" after dodging or response lately, evading the dodger, in attempting to speak behind the President to England, &c. He contended, that as so overwhelming a vote in the House of Representatives, the consideration due to that great organ of the popular will ought to have induced us to adopt the resolution of the House. He thought the Senate ought, to some extent, to defer to the moral influence of the vote of the House —a body emanating directly from the mass of the people. But since we will not, we desire immediately the Senate resolutions, the House resolutions, and not one or the other against the other, and presented the aspect of a divided Congress.

"I think, said he, if the Senate had passed the House resolution, and we had presented the moral spectacle to the world of a united Congress, sustaining the President, the country of the people, that we would have presented a moral force to Great Britain that would have made that Power falter before she determined to bring this controversy to the arbitrament of the sword. But, now it is what will be the substance of the dispatches that will go to England by the next steamer? It will be "Hold on; hold your position; prepare your guns; announce your resolutions; warn the diseases already mustered in America will be increased; allow the fears of war will be increased by your threats, and at last Her Majesty's Government may get the whole of Oregon." These lines will induce the British Government to protract the negotiations; they will be no more willing to bring them to a conclusion than before they will say here is the whole country and interest of America clamoring against a war under any circumstances; they will say here is a vote of the Senate in favor of a preamble instructing the President to open negotiations again, and they will observe, in a part of the resolution, a declaring, on the part of the Senate, to take the responsibility of a positive act.

He closed by speaking of the Senate as subject to dull, tedious, pithering, wearied, hampered, with a rightful unwillingness to meet responsibility," and asking if Great Britain, with these things staring her in the face, will get on her knees to us?

This extraordinary speech of course excited a deep feeling of indignation in the Senate.

Mr. CRITTENDEN rose to reply, declaring that he would not suffer such imputations on the Senate to pass without notice. What is his commission? who authorized him to assume here the tone of pre-eminence with which he addresses the Senate, with what meat does this our Cæsar feed, that he is to rise here and lecture us for decisions to which we have deemed it our duty to come to put on these acts of authority? Let me tell him that he does not know this body, and the material of which it is composed, nor does he know himself. The dignity of the Senate has been assailed, and its character traduced.

We are not to be influenced in that way, much less is that gentleman to hector over us and tell us that we are bound to this or that course of action, because the House of Representatives has adopted it. How would they submit to such an indignity? I hope that no more such language will be permitted here. It is offensive. The gentleman tells us that the President will hide behind no bush. What does he mean? Does he mean that the Senate will do it? If not, was his remark of that innocent sort of rhetoric which has no meaning in it? The gentleman is calling upon us for unanimity; he is beseeching us here to be unanimous. Why, sir, was the like ever heard? A gentleman, in a small minority of this body, calling upon us continually for unanimity! He very modestly requires that all the other members of this body shall at once abandon their own opinions, and go over to the very small minority to which he belongs. Sir, could the gentleman's comprehensive ingenuity point out no other mode of arriving at unanimity? Suppose the gentleman himself should pack up, with all his dignities of chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and go over to the majority, would not that be some approach to unanimity?

Mr. President, I have no pleasure in this sort of animadversion—it gives me no satisfaction whatever; but I cannot and will not sit here and allow such language and see such airs of superiority and supercilious arrogance without a reply. We have had quite enough of it and to spare, and from the same quarter. The gentleman seeks by vehemence of gesticulation and volume of sound to give effect to what he is pleased to say; and really, sir, in some of his gestures the gentleman is not only offensive but really alarming. Notwithstanding some reasonable measure of natural courage, gentlemen not accustomed to arms, and whose training has only been in bodies of a political character, might suffer some personal apprehension. Sir, the gentleman may get up a panic here, and there is no telling what may be the effect of a panic. I have heard of panics in armies producing effects the most terrible; I have heard of stampedoes and many other things equally terrible; but here, sir, we have been told that the resolution we have adopted is a miserable paltry thing; that the Senate is pattering in a double sense; that it is hiding behind the bush; that it is skulking from responsibility and presuming to differ from the House of Representatives. And all this is brandished over us with a magnificence of style and manner that really, sir, I scarce know where the Senate stands and what is to become of it.

Mr. ALLEN replied. The Senator desired to know under what commission I speak? He must really be an intelligent Senator to ask such a question. I speak under the commission of a State as respectable in every particular as any other State in the Union; under a commission of that character which I bear as a man; a character as unsullied, sir, as that of the Senator from Kentucky, or any of those with whom he acts. I have as much interest in the Senate, in its character and conduct, as the Senator from Kentucky. His eulogies cannot elevate nor his sneers depress individuals here. I want to know what it is that I have done to the Senator which makes him so hasty, on every occasion when I speak, to rise up and address his rebukes to me? Has he a private pique? I know of none; I can imagine none. It bespeaks some complaisance on his part, that, when any thing is said, up he jumps and performs the part of Attorney General; assuming, as in this case, that the Senate had been abused; an assumption not at all justified by the fact. I am utterly at a loss to account for the unnecessary warmth of the Senator. He says that I spoke disparagingly, derogatorily, rebukingly, of this body. When, I pray? He speaks of my manner. The manner of the Senator from Kentucky is to make faces; my manner is to make gestures. He thinks the audience will be alarmed at my gesticulations. Well, they will be compensated by a hearty laugh at the faces made by the Senator. I mean no harm by speaking in a loud tone; and if people are here who come to be entertained, they cannot fail to be so, seeing that we have comedy as well as tragedy enacted.

Mr CRITTENDEN rose to reply, when the Vice President remarked that this personal discussion had gone far enough, and begged the gentlemen to cease. Mr. Crittenden said it would have been well if the objection had been made at an earlier period.

Mr. ALLEN hoped the Senator would be allowed to proceed.

Mr. CRITTENDEN. Certainly; I claim the same right the Senator from Ohio has enjoyed. I trust there is at least one member of this body for whom I have a right to speak, and he happens to be one who is assailed by the Senator from Ohio. Sir, I am content to learn from any body. I would even learn from a blackguard how to improve my manners, or from him who has the highest, flunkest claim to be called a gentleman. If I have acted a part, it is a part I intended, and I doubt whether the language I employed was considered farcical by any other than the Senator from Ohio. I presume to be among the humblest of my friends; but, whatever may be the deficiency of my capacity, I hold in detestation, I feel an irresistible inclination to put down arrogance and impudence, from whatever quarter it may come.

I asked by what warrant any Senator dared to address the Senate in that manner? By what privilege? By what prerogative? And I am answered, it is by commission from the State of Ohio! and that that State is one of the most respectable in the Union. Sir, the gentleman can say nothing of that State that will not meet my hearty concurrence. That great State of the West! Her children are scarcely more proud of her than I, one of her nearest neighbors. But the gentleman will excuse me from being a little inquisitorious as to the extent of that commission—The commission of which he speaks is to perform the part of a gentleman. The State of Ohio never gave a commission to any one to violate the rules of decorum; to stand up with assumed superciliousness, and to give orders and to dictate to Senators what course they ought to pursue. The commission of the gentleman comes from another source. In all I were at liberty, consistently with the rules of order, to say from what source it comes—to speak out my whole mind on the subject.

Among the least, I think, of the gentleman's errors—I am afraid to have said presumptions—it seems his belief that I have made him a particular object of attention, and that I have been extremely censorious on all occasions to reply to him. Well, sir, there may be some object of ambition to be attained by having a formidable name, or a great man for an antagonist to attack an Achilles or a Hector, when victory might make a man's fortune, and defeat detract nothing from his fame.

But has the gentleman deemed it was this sort of game that I sought—that it was the light reflected upon his name, in which I sought to warm or illuminate myself? If he believed this he is entirely mistaken—altogether wrong. Never did I expect, humble as my name may be, to borrow any lustre from him; and I can appeal to you, Mr. President, to bear me witness when I say that, as often as the gentleman has in his presented himself in the field, I have never sought to gain renown by touching even his shield. I am not altogether unambitious; but, through my ignorance, I never knew it could be obtained in this way.

I can promise the gentleman another thing, and I hope it may be the means of peace between us, that I shall not seek him out; but if he ever attacks my dignity, or gives offence, as I thought he intended, as ignorable as it might be, I would never allow the time to pass; if I were bedridden I would get out of it to make a last attack.

Mr. ALLEN here interposed to remark that he had never made an attack on the Senator with the intention of doing him wrong; his observations had been general, and intended to be applied in a general sense.

Mr. CRITTENDEN. I will not undertake to say what the intentions of the Senator were; his meanings is for himself to explain; his remarks I think, however, pretty accurately indicate his meaning.

Mr. ALLEN again observed that he did not intend by any thing he had said to offer an insult to any Senator; and if it were assumed that he did he would only say it was an assumption without justification.

Mr. CRITTENDEN. I am very glad the Senator has explained away the offence of his remarks. I am not very difficult to be satisfied, but the gentleman alleged that we had committed an act of humiliation; that we had dodged behind the bush; that we had shunned responsibility. These things he said; what he meant I leave to all to judge. If the gentleman did not mean what his words import, the best advice I can give him is that which I heard once given to a member of Congress, not to speak until he had something to say.

The question then recurred on ordering the resolution, as amended, to a third reading, and it was decided as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Archer, Ashley, Atherton, Bagby, Barrow, Benton, Berrien, Calhoun, Cameron, Chalmers, John M. Clayton, Corwin, Crittenden, Davis, Dayton, Dix, Greene, Haywood, Houston, Huntington, Jarnagin, Johnson, of Maryland, Johnson, of Louisiana, Lewis, McDuffie, Mangum, Miller, Morehead, Niles, Pearce, Phelps, Rusk, Sevier, Simmons, Speight, Turney, Upham, Webster, Woodbridge—40.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Atchison, Breese, Bright, Cass, Thomas Clayton, Dickinson, Evans, Fairfield, Hannegan, Jenness, Semple, Sturgeon, Westcott—14.

So the resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was finally passed.

The Senate then adjourned until Monday.

In the House of Representatives, on Monday, the bill to protect the rights of American settlers in Oregon, until the termination of the joint occupation, was debated by Messrs. McHenry, Westcott, Rockwell, Adams, Burt, and others. The bill provides for extending the laws and courts of Iowa over Oregon, for granting lands to actual settlers, building blockhouses, forts, &c., raising two regiments of mounted men, to protect emigrants, and establishing a mail route; and appropriates $300,000 to carry the law into effect. On this bill the whole Oregon debate was re-opened. Mr. Adams spoke his hour, against settling with England on the line 49°, and in favor of claiming the whole, to 54°, 40'.

On Tuesday, the bill was further debated; after which,

Mr. McKay, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported "a bill to reduce the duty on imports, and for other purposes," which was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On Wednesday, a message from the President, recommending the erection of fire-proof buildings for the War and Navy Departments, and an appropriation of $200 000 to commence the work.

The debate on the Oregon bill was resumed.

On Thursday, the same bill was debated.

On Friday, after further debate, the bill was passed through the Committee of the Whole, with various amendments, one of which reduced the appropriation from $300,000 to $100,000. The bill was then reported to the House, which adjourned without taking the question.

On Saturday, the Oregon bill was passed, 104 to 64.

The "resolutions of notice" which had passed the Senate on Thursday, were taken up.

Mr. Owen moved to amend them by substituting for the following words, to wit; "earnestly and immediately directed to renewed efforts for the amicable settlement of all their differences and disputes in respect to said territory;" the following words: "Be the more earnestly directed to the importance of a speedy adjustment of all their differences and disputes in respect to said territory."—And also to amend by striking out the second section of the resolutions, and inserting the following: "*And be it further resolved*, That the President of the United States is authorized and requested to give to the British government the notice required by its said second article for the abrogation of the said convention of the 6th of August, 1827."

Mr. Owen's amendment was adopted, (in pursuance, it is said, of the behests of a Caucus held the night before,) by a vote of 109 to 87. And the resolutions, as amended, were passed, 141 to 49. [109 Locos to 39 Whigs for it, 16 Locos to 24 Whigs against it. All the members from this State, except Mr. Dockery, voted for the resolutions as amended.]

School Fund.—Gov. Graham has given notice of a resolution of the Literary Board, for the distribution among the Counties, according to Federal population, of $40 622 50, in part of the net income of the Literary Fund.

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MARRIED.

In Davidson county, on the 2d inst. by Charles Hoover, Esq., Mr. JOHN S. BROWN, of Randolph county, to Miss LAURETTA, youngest daughter of Joseph Spring, of Davidson.

In Concord county, Alabama, on the 15th of January last, Dr. JOHN L. SHAW, formerly of Robeson county, N. C. to Miss PERMELIA CROSBY, daughter of Chesley Crosby, Esq.

In Greene county, Ala., on the 27th ult. by the Rev. Charles A. Stillman, Mr. JOHN C. McINTYRE, formerly of Robeson county, N. C. to Miss MARY GLOVER, daughter of Col. James J. Thornton.

DIED.

At Ellerslie, in this county, on the 19th inst., Mr. DUNCAN MUNROE, Sen., in the 82d year of his age, highly respected by all who knew him. Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.—*Com.*

Departed this life, suddenly, in Sampson county, on the 12th instant, Mr. TIMOTHY UNDERWOOD. He had, apparently well, retired to bed as usual, and about 10 o'clock awoke his family by the struggles of death, before any assistance could be given him. He was formerly a member of the Legislature from that county. He leaves a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn his irreparable loss.—*Com.*

At Gaston ville, Brunswick County, Va., Mrs. ABIGAIL, consort of the Rev. Mr. Joseph Hendrick, and second daughter of the late Jasper Pickett, of Elizabeth City, N. C., aged about 36. She had been for many years a member of the M. E. Church.

At his residence in Anson County on the 6th inst., Dr. WILLIAM MENDENHALL, aged 62 years—a native of the County of Guilford, where he received his Education. He studied the Languages and Medicine under Dr. David Caldwell, Sen., deceased, and was afterwards employed to survey Guilford and ascertain its centre, and then, under the direction of the Commissioners, surveyed and laid out the Town of Greensboro' in April 1808, and that month removed to Anson County where he afterwards resided, and was engaged many years in the practice of Medicine with much success.

Dr. Mendenhall was a firm believer in the truth of the Christian Religion. He left a widow and seven children.

Near Raleigh, on the 15th inst., of Paralysis, after an attack of few hours, Mrs CATHARINE BUSBEE, consort of Johnston Busbee, Esq—aged about 56 years.

In Lincoln county, on the 31st ult., Mrs. JANE H. STEWART, wife of Hugh Stewart, Esq., aged about 42 years, leaving a husband and several small children to mourn her loss.

NOTICE.

Will be sold at Public Auction at the Town House, on Wednesday the 6th of May next, the following **Houses and Lots**, the property of the late Bank of the U. States, viz:—

The three story Brick House, Out Houses and Lot, at the foot of Hay street, on the North side of Hay street, known as the Bargwin building.

A vacant Lot, next East of the house occupied by Hall & Hall, and adjoining the lot of James Marthar.

A vacant Lot, the point in front of the Methodist Church, and next West of A. Graham's Shop.

A vacant Lot next East of Dr. Hiram Robinson's Shop, running from Hay to Old street, formerly P. I. Tillinghast's.

An undivided half of the Lot and Houses, fronting on Green and Russell streets, usually called the Barge Tavern, now occupied by N. Radcliffe.

The Houses and Lot on Person street, next East of Major John P. Leonard's, formerly Mrs. Davis's.

The Warehouses and Lot, (one acre,) fronting on the River, above the Bridge, formerly McNeill's.

Terms liberal, and made known at the sale.

By order of the Assignees.

S. W. TILLINGHAST, Agent.

April 15, 1846. 7t8

NEW GOODS.

The subscriber is now receiving, direct from the New York and Boston markets, his

Spring & Summer

STOCK OF GOODS,

To which he respectfully calls the attention of his old customers and the public generally. The Stock consists of a variety of Fashionable **Fancy and Staple GOODS** for Ladies' and Gentlemen's Spring and Summer wear, together with a fine assortment of

Hats, Boots, Shoes, Sugar, Coffee, Molasses, Hardware and Cutlery, Crockery, Trace Chains, Weeding Hoes, Iron, Nails, &c.

These Goods being laid in with much care, and for CASH, he feels authorised in saying, that he can and will sell them CHEAP for CASH, or on time to punctual customers.

J. P. COVINGTON.

Rockingham, N. C., April 16, 1846. 7-6w

Opodeldoc, Bateman's Drops, Essences, Castor Oil, Bear's Oil, Saleratus, Coppers, Alum, Logwood, Ink, British Oil, &c. For sale by SAM'L J. HINSDALE. Druggist.

April 20. 7d

THE subscriber is now receiving by the Merchants' Steam Boat Company's fast boat, Wm. B. Meares, the

LARGEST LOT OF CROCKERY

Ever offered for sale in North Carolina. The common Crockery is packed in crates, well assorted, for sale by the package. The fine Ware, which is of the latest patterns, will be sold at retail or by the crate.

—ALSO—

A large assortment of Tumblers of various kinds, Flasks, &c. These Goods were purchased in England for Cash, consequently the large profit usually made by the dealers in New York will be saved to those who purchase of me.

T. S. LUTTERLOH.

April 21, 1846. 7-3w

NEW GOODS.

Mrs. E. McINTYRE is now receiving a splendid assortment of **Millinery**, consisting in part of China, Pearl, Rutland, Pedal, fine plain Straw, Lace Neapolitans, English, French, and Florence BONNETS.

Also, a good assortment of Misses' Bonnets, Silks and Satins, Blond Laces and Ruches, Crapes, Beaded Velvets and Fringes for Dresses, large assortment of Flowers and Ribbons assorted, good Sewing Silk and Buttons for Ladies' Dresses, jet and blue

FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER.

We cannot conceive what motive the Administration can have in the language which it speaks, through its official organ, ostensibly to our own Senate in the tone of reproach, but effectively also to the British Government, in terms well suited, and as if intended, to extinguish all hope of its amicable advances ever being met in a corresponding spirit on our side.

The official paper of Saturday night has an article of some length, (a continuation of which is promised,) the burden of which is comprised in the following extract:

"Let us no longer put the cart before the horse. Negotiation will not come until we give the notice. *That* is the first step in the process; and, when England sees that we are in earnest, she will then seriously consider what she is to do. Pass it (we respectfully suggest) without any formal *concomitants* attached to it. Give the notice without faltering qualification."

Now, we think we do not mistake the opinion of intelligent men of all parties, including the Members of both Houses of Congress, when we say that it is the opinion of four-fifths of them that the very thing which the government paper enjoins upon them—that is, *to give the notice without qualification*—would, under present circumstances, be tantamount to an invitation to war, instead of peace.

The argument, moreover, by which the Administration paper sustains this renewed injunction to the Senate, is altogether worthy of the wisdom of the course which it recommends. Witness the following extract, embracing the substance of the whole:

"Further delay in the notice are not war measures. They look to a different issue. Energy and firmness alone will decide her course. Indecision will encourage her. We have tried for twenty years and we have failed to [illegible] We have tried [illegible] and we have failed. We have tried [illegible] and we have failed. We have tried [illegible] and we have failed.